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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 04-33 – Verizon’s Petition for Arbitration

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing is Verizon Massachusetts’ (“Verizon MA”) proposed amendment to its interconnection agreements, which has been revised to reflect changes in unbundling obligations resulting from the *Triennial Review Order*, *USTA II*, and the *Interim Rules Order*.¹ This replaces Verizon MA’s *TRO* amendment originally filed with its Petition for Arbitration on February 20, 2004.

In addition, as discussed in its September 1st letter, Verizon MA proposes the following procedural schedule in this proceeding:

September 20, 2004	30-day negotiation period begins
October 20, 2004	30-day negotiation period ends
November 10, 2004	Joint List of Issues due

¹ Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, 18 FCC Rcd 16978 (2003) (“*Triennial Review Order*” or “*TRO*”), vacated in part and remanded, *United States Telecom Ass’n v. FCC*, Nos. 00-1012 *et al.*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004) (“*USTA II*”); Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *In the Matter of Unbundled Access to Network Elements Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 04-313, CC Docket No. 01-338, released August 20, 2004 (“*Interim Rules Order*”).

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December 15, 2004	Initial Briefs due
January 18, 2005	Reply Briefs due

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Barbara Anne Sousa

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cc: Tina Chin, Esquire, Hearing Officer
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April Mulqueen, Assistant Director – Telecommunications Division
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Attached D.T.E. 04-33 Service List
Attached D.T.E. 04-33 Exhibit B Carrier List